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PASTORS MEET IN BERKELEY

The seventeenth interdenominational Pastoral Conference, sponsored by the Pacific School of Religion, will be held January 26-28.

The Conference, which will open Tuesday morning at nine oclock, will be held in connection with the Earl Lectureship. The Earl lecturer for this year is Dr. Rufus M. Jones, until recently professor of philosophy in Haverford College, and author of many books, including "The Inner Life," "The World Within," "Religious Foundations," and "Pathways to the Reality of God."

At the evening sessions Dr. Jones will speak on the subjects "The Vehicle of Revelation," "The Way of the Mystic," and "The Mind's Love of God as a Way to Reality." On two afternoons Dr. Jones will speak, using as his topics, "Some Fresh Installations of Life" and "The Spirit of Man as a Candle of the Lord."

Mr. Y. T. Wu, noted Chinese leader of youth, who was converted to Christianity during his college days, will speak on "Confucius to Christ." "How God Has Become Real to Me," and "Facing the National Crisis in China."

The devotional hours will be under the leadership of Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, chaplain of Stanford, and Dr. C. B. Sylvester, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Berkeley.

Rev. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach will give a series of addresses under the theme, "War Clouds on the Social Horizon." His topics will be "The Mobilization of Labor," "The March of Collectivism," "The Economic Sovereignty of the State," and "The Minister and the Social Complex." Round tables will be led by Professor James Muilenburg, Professor C. C. McCown, Professor John W. Buckham, Rev. Fred Morrow, Professor George T. Tolson, Professor Carl S. Patton, and, if there is sufficient demand for a course on church music, one will be offered by Mrs. Mabel Hill Redfield.

Registrations should be sent to the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley. Lodging and breakfast will be furnished to out-of-town ministers who desire it. The Congregational pastors will gather for luncheon on Wednesday noon, the 27th.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE NOTES

Plymouth House was represented by fifteen students at the Inter-Collegiate Asilomar Conference in the week following Christmas. Commanding leadership and a vigorous program drew more than 500 delegates from higher education centers throughout the Pacific Southwest.

Upholding our young people's work in planning and administering the Asilomar conference was Fred Morrow, student work director at Plymouth House. He will also serve at the coming Pastoral Conference, January 26-28, as leader of a seminar on "Work for Youth."

A supply of Pilgrim Highroads and Pilgrim Fellowship Flashes, which was sent for distribution at the young people's conference, is available at the Conference office. Pastors, presidents, or counsellors of young people's societies may order a number of copies to use as samples.

The State Superintendents at the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, January, 1936. This cut is used through the courtesy of the Congregational Conference of Illinois. In the second row first at the right is Wm. F. Frazier, now Executive Vice-President of the Home Board, and third from the right is Supt. Gaylord of Southern California. Supt. Gill is third from the right in the third row.

Prosperity and Benevolence

In spite of returning prosperity, the people of the United States last year registered the lowest percentage of giving to church, education, and philanthropy that has been recorded in any year since 1925, according to Charles V. Vickrey, President of The Golden Rule Foundation, presenting a report to the National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery.

Mr. Vickrey bases his findings in part upon the official preliminary report just issued by the U. S. Treasury Department compiled from income tax returns for 1935, which indicate a total net taxable income of $14,656,079,000 with $305,279,000 or 2.083% deducted as tax exempt contributions. The corresponding figure for 1934 is 2.132% and in 1933 2.608% deducted as contributions.

"Strange as it may seem the depression year of 1932 produced the highest percentage of giving that has ever been recorded," said Mr. Vickrey. "Does it require suffering to produce sacrificial giving?" and "Can sterling character be developed without sacrifice?" are two questions suggested by this report.

DR. MUILENBURG ORDAINED

An ordination council, called by the First Church, Berkeley, met on December 12, and heard a very remarkable paper by the candidate, Professor James Muilenburg, head of the Old Testament Department of the Pacific School of Religion. Dr. Muilenburg is a graduate of Hope College, and has studied at Chicago University, University of Nebraska, Marburg University, and holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Yale.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill was moderator of the council and Rev. Burton M. Palmer the scribe. At the ordination service Rev. Carl S. Patton gave the invocation; Professor C. C. McCown read the Scripture; the sermon was preached by President Herman F. Swartz; prayer of ordination was offered by Professor J. W. Buckham; the right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce; and the charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach.

Dr. Muilenburg has already demonstrated his fitness for the important post which he occupies. He will be a great addition to the Christian forces of California.

Are We Temple Builders?

"We would be building; temples still undone,
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift;
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human rift;
We would be building, Master, let Thy plan
Reveal the life that God would give to man.

"Teach us to build; upon the solid rock
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with the steel that time and change doth mock
The unfailing purpose of our noblest creed;
Teach us to build; O Master, lend us sight
To see the towers gleaming in the light.

"O keep us building, Master, may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands
And all the pride of sinful will departs;
We build with Thee, O grant enduring worth
Until the Heavenly Kingdom comes on earth."

—PURD E. DEITZ

The above, sung to the tune "Finlandia," was the official hymn of the Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-Winter Conference. It was particularly appropriate to the theme of the Conference, "Building Bridges."

Pilgrim Youth Build Bridges

The Mid-Winter Conference of the Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California took place at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, January 1, 2, and 3. There were 125 registrations from a total of 30 churches. Delegations were present from such distant points as Fresno and Reno.

There were two serious disappointments, in that Mr. Y. T. Wu and Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton were unable to take the parts assigned them on account of ill health, but other speakers were secured and an interesting and inspiring program was carried through. Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda showed pictures of his trip around the world and spoke on the topic "The World Upside Down"; Mr. Art Casaday of the Emergency Peace Campaign gripped the young people with his very earnest message; Rev. Fred Stripp spoke on "Does Christ's Way Work Today?"; and Superintendent Gill outlined the work of the Congregational denomination around the world. There were round table discussion groups on "A Christian Economic Order," "What We Can Believe," "Youth and the World Crisis," "Discussion Methods in Young People's Work," and "Personality—How to Gain and Hold It."

The closing service was held in connection with the morning worship of First Church, when Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the host pastor, preached on "What Is Essential in Religion?" and conducted a communion service. Ten young men from the Conference served as deacons, and two young people were pulpit guests and had parts in the service of worship.

The arrangements of the Conference were in the capable hands of Miss Viola Mann, President; Miss Reva Galvin, Program Chairman; Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Director; Mr. Fowler Furze, Publicity Chairman; Miss Ida Nicholas, Accommodations Chairman and Registrar; and Field Secretary E. T. Sherman.

STOCKTON OVER THE TOP

One of the most remarkable achievements in our Conference for 1936 was the conclusion of the Redemption Campaign of the Stockton church. Interest, taxes, budget deficits, and Building Society obligation, together, made a burden which was crippling the program of the church. A conditional campaign was launched to raise the entire amount, totaling something like 10 or 11 thousand dollars, all to be paid by February 1. As The Pacific goes to press unofficial word comes that the total has been raised. A noble achievement. Congratulations!

Hayward has joined the growing list of churches with a large subscription list to The Pacific. During the past month twelve new subscriptions and ten renewals were sent in. Who is next?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 20-21: Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, First Congregational Church, Alameda.
January 26-28: Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
July 24-31: Annual Conference, Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California, Asilomar.

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SCHOOL OFFERS COURSE FOR PASTORS

Early in the present year a new course, entitled "Intensive Studies in Personal Christian Experience," was afforded by the Pacific School of Religion in the form of a weekly Seminar under the direction of Dr. E. A. Lowther, pastor of Temple M. E. Church, San Francisco, and sponsored by the Pacific Evangelistic Association, Inc., of Berkeley. The course, limited to the Upper Classmen in the institution, proved very popular and its continuance became assured.

Arrangements have recently been made so that ministers and other Christian workers are privileged to avail themselves of this course, free of charge, on the simple conditions that they register at the office of the school, and each individual is approved by Dr. Lowther. An intensive study of "Personal Christian Experience" as a basic preparation for effective ministerial service is understood as the condition on which this course is supported by the Evangelistic Association.

LT.-COL. CHERINGTON

An unusual honor has been bestowed upon Rev. Reed B. Cherington, one of our beloved ministers in the Northern California Conference. He has been made Lieutenant Colonel of the Fortieth Division staff of the National Guard of California, Utah, and Nevada, under Major General David P. Barrows. Mr. Cherington has given twenty years of service as chaplain in the National Guard, and has reached the highest rank given to chaplains. He has been presented with the Silver Leaves, emblematic of his rank.

HEELEY-MILLER

An occasion of great interest to a number of our California churches took place on Christmas evening at the First Congregational Church of Alameda. Marjorie, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harvey V. Miller, and Mr. Robert Arthur Heeley exchanged vows of marriage. About a hundred families from Pilgrim Church, Oakland, were represented, and many friends from Alameda were present. Incidentally, the bride has been of great help to her father in the work at Pilgrim Church, regularly teaching in the Sunday school. The Pacific readers join in extending congratulations and best wishes.

LAUBACH'S METHOD MARCHES ON

From all corners of the world come inquiries about Dr. Frank C. Laubach's remarkable literacy method. Recently a native African, studying in the U. S. A., but soon to return to his home in Sierra Leone, West Africa, stated that he would like help in adapting Dr. Laubach's method to the languages of tribes in his own section. Said he, "Of all of my years here in America (five) I count this the most interesting experience that I have had—the meeting with Dr. Laubach and getting introduced to his literacy method."

SOCIAL ACTION COUNCILS HOLD TWO-DAY SESSION

"Social Action is an integral part of the church's missionary program; nor is it a new or separate function." This statement was made at the Joint Session of the Southern and Northern California Committees for Social Action at their meeting in Fresno on December 28 and 29.

Those in attendance at the meeting from Southern California were Rev. Lowell Young, Mrs. Wesley Nicholson, Mrs. Helen M. Beardsley, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, and Superintendent Edward D. Gaylord. Northern California was represented by Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Mrs. J. M. Burk, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Mr. E. B. Mead, Rev. Wilfred Withington, Mr. Louis Neumann, Rev. Willard B. Thorp, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. Norman B. Henderson, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

Recognizing that whatever fear or distrust may have existed toward Social Action, its sane, moderate, Christian program of the past two years makes it now possible to increase the number of participating churches. To that end the Joint Committee plans in 1937 to carry its program to the churches through the personal effort of the Conference committee members. Associations and smaller groups will be canvassed, and every encouragement given to the formation of local Social Action committees.

Ministers have found the Social Action literature an effective means of creating an informed public opinion, and that this modern missionary emphasis attracts to the church a new younger and desirable type of member.

The Joint Session studied various methods of reaching the local churches, recommending demonstration panel discussions, presentation of literature packets, approach by speaker and motion picture. Study was made of many subjects of local, state, and national interest.

Reports from both conferences indicate the interest of our youth toward social questions and the opportunity to give them the Christian attitude toward such questions is available to the churches. What is your church doing to meet this opportunity?

As a suggestion to local churches of the type of subjects that belong in the field of Social Action in California, the following examples may be mentioned:

Problems raised by the maritime strike.

Problems of migrant workers.

The problem of the movies in your town.

"Bank Night' and other lottery schemes.

Cooperatives, pro and con.

The projected Health Insurance laws.

The projected strategy of liquor control.

How lynchings and vigilante action can be forestalled.

Race relations (Filipinos, Japanese, Negroes, Mexicans, Armenians).

Some of these will be of particular interest in each community, and others will suggest themselves.

In order to deal with matters like these, many churches have appointed committees on Social Action or Social Relations. Such committees can organize open forums or panel discussions where both sides of the subject will be presented. Both the Northern and Southern California Conferences have such a committee, and its members will be glad to be of service to any local committee.

FORMER EDITOR OF PACIFIC GIVES NOTABLE ADDRESS

A truly notable address was delivered by Rev. W. W. Ferrier before the Adult Forum of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on Sunday, December 6. This address, which is entitled "Our Church in Social Thinking and Action," traces in brief the history of the church as it touches public problems. The contribution which laymen and pastors of the church have made to various social movements is outlined, and makes a very impressive picture of what a single church can do toward the cause of bringing in the Kingdom of God.

Modesty forbade the speaker to do more than briefly outline his own contribution to the cause of public righteousness. As editor of The Pacific for many years, Dr. Ferrier kept the social gospel nailed to the masthead of this journal.

Responding to the request of the Forum by vote, the address has been printed in pamphlet form and may be secured from the author at 2716 Hillegass Avenue, Berkeley, at 15 cents per copy.

MINISTERS' CHILDREN

The following item of interest appears in "The Pioneer" of the Sacramento Church:

"Pioneer Church is blest by having a remarkable number of sons and daughters of ministers. In 'Who's Who in America,' one out of every eight is a son or daughter of a minister. So we are naturally counting the following as a special spiritual asset: Warren Bugbey, Dr. W. L. Burdick, Mrs. John E. Carpenter, Prof. Horace Child, Mrs. Horace Child, Harvey Clark, Edward H. Gaylord, whose father is superintendent of the Southern California Congregational Conference; Mr. H. H. Haecker, Mr. Harold N. Hobart, Miss Nina Howard, whose father was for 25 years executive secretary of the A. M. A. and later the editor of The Advance, after whose family Howard University was named; Mrs. Edward Hyatt, Mrs. J. W. McCrillis, Mr. Ernest Russell, whose father was the founder of the Anti-Saloon League; Miss Viola Rose, Mr. Donald Seldon, Mr. Carlton Severance, Mrs. Carlton Severance, whose father was a Missionary in Turkey; Mrs. Lulu Thompson, whose father is our Rev. John R. Shoemaker; Dean Harry E. Tyler, whose father is superintendent of the Nebraska Congregational Conference. There are no doubt several more of whom we have not yet learned."

Rev. A. P. Orth, well known in our Northern California fellowship, has been quite seriously ill at his home at 1925 Vine Street, Berkeley. "The Pacific" joins his many friends in sending greetings, and in expressing the hope that he will be speedily restored to health.

SOQUEL. This church continues to make improvements on the property. Floors of the parsonage have been painted, and a new rug provided. The kitchen has been "done over." A very substantial increase in benevolence giving has been made in 1936 as against 1935. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. The choir of the San Bruno Community Methodist Church gave a Christmas cantata during the holiday period. The Junior Matrons' organization and choir supplied music for the Christmas church service. Just now the church is engaged in its community canvass. Rev. Alden Read is pastor.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A "Well-Baby Clinic" has been opened under the supervision of Miss Mary Coxhead of the Department of Community Service. During the past year, every one of the nine circles of the Women's League raised more than its quota of $140. Although carrying a large program of church activity and community service, the year is being closed with its budget practically balanced. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The church gave the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Harvey V. Miller, a beautiful parlor lamp for Christmas, and gave a shower for their daughter Marjorie, who was married Christmas evening. The number of regular contributors through envelopes has been about doubled as a result of the canvass.

SANTA ROSA. An appeal by the pastor, Rev. Wilfred Withington, has resulted in 12 new subscriptions to The Pacific. Three Christmas plays were put on by the young people under the direction of the pastor. The Sunday evening forum is creating considerable interest among people outside of the church as well as among members.

RENO. This church was represented by several young people at the Mid-Winter Conference in San Francisco. The union service of Reno churches was held on Christmas Day in the Federated Church. A beautiful cantata pageant entitled "Bethlehem" was presented on the Sunday before Christmas.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Before the end of January, Rev. M. G. Papazian is expected to return and take up his duties as pastor. He has been stated supply at West New York for the past year. During his absence the work of Pilgrim Church has been ably carried on by Rev. A. A. Goergizian.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Benevolence funds of the church are being raised by Cent-a-Meal boxes. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, recently had a part in the joint Court of Honor of two Boy Scout Troops meeting at the Alexander Hamilton Junior High School.

SANTA CRUZ. The Mayflower Guild has furnished new vestments for the choir. Audiences of nearly 500 in the morning and about 600 in the evening were present on Christmas Sunday to hear splendid Christmas music, including Woodman's cantata, "The Message of the Star."

SAN LORENZO, UNION. A young people's society has been formed, the first in many years, and it was represented by four young people at the Mid-Winter Conference in San Francisco. Rev. W. Wallace Furze is the pastor.

RIPON. Ten young people and adults were received into the church the first of December, three of them by confession of faith and seven by letter. Rev. E. L. Spuller is the pastor.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SONOMA. Rev. Edward W. Perry, former pastor of the Presbyterian church at Crows Landing, has been called and has accepted the pastorate of this church. Mr. Perry was formerly a missionary for the Presbyterian denomination in China, and at one time served Congregational churches in Hawaii. He is a graduate of Colgate University, Auburn Theological Seminary, and has the S. T. M. degree from the Pacific School of Religion. Mrs. Perry is active in young people's and women's organizations. There are three children in the family, ages eleven, nine, and seven and one-half. In all probability Mr. Perry will transfer his ministerial standing to the Congregational fellowship.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The adult forum, meeting Sunday mornings, seeks to keep its members abreast of world problems and to discover how Christianity will help to solve them. During the four Sundays of January, the following speakers are being heard: Miss Mary Coxhead on her observations of the Cooperatives in Sweden, Mr. Richard Chamberlain on the "Civil War in Spain," Dr. Leon Richardson on "What Men and Women are Doing for Their Intellectual Upkeep," and Dr. Karl Landauer on "The Struggle Between Communism, Fascism, and Democracy in Europe."

PORTERVILLE. Although lacking a building in which to center its program, the activities of the church have gone forward unabated, and attendance at services and club meetings has increased. Two hundred thirty were present at a morning service of worship held in a theatre. At a candlelight communion service, 13 new members were received, making a total of 69 for the year 1936. Bids have been opened for the reconstruction of the building partially destroyed by fire in October. Rev. John H. Gregg reports the average attendance at morning service for the entire year as 144.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A C. C. C. Camp has been re-established near Murphy, which has brought about the reopening of young people's meetings. One hundred percent of the boys and girls at Sheep Ranch attend the services which Rev. Glenn Corbin conducts. An open house is held every Saturday night at Angels Camp, people bringing their own equipment for games and enjoying three hours of fellowship.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On Christmas Sunday, many selections from "The Messiah" were presented by the choir, in costume, and many of the numbers were repeated on New Year's Sunday evening. The "question drawer" was re-opened by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, on the first Sunday evening of 1937. The church was host to the Mid-Winter Conference of Young People, serving meals and providing a very large part of the overnight entertainment.

SAN JOSE. An incomplete report from the Every Member Canvass shows a considerable number of increases and of new pledges, both for current expenses and for benevolences. This is particularly encouraging because one remembers the large amount that was raised by the church for improvement of the building during the autumn. Rev. Benjamin Gould is pastor.

COTATI AND PENNGROVE. The Men's Brotherhood has sponsored a Bible class at Cotati, with an initial enrollment of seven. A bazaar held by the Ladies' Aid Society was well patronized and in every way a success. A play, "The Woman at the Well," was given at the annual Thank Offering service of the Aid Society, which was directed by Mrs. C. C. Champlin, wife of the pastor. The Pilgrim Fellowship assisted the Sunday School in Christmas plays. They also sang Christmas carols, and they sent a group to the Mid-winter Conference at San Francisco. Mr. Champlin is in great demand as a speaker before community groups.

SEBASTOPOL. The December fellowship supper was a Christmas party, with seasonal decorations. Christmas quotations were at each place. The trustees turned the occasion into a surprise party to honor Rev. and Mrs. George E. Atkinson, since it was the seventh anniversary of their coming to Sebastopol. Greetings were given by representatives from the Women's Club, the young people, the Sunday School, the church, and the Chamber of Commerce. The members of the church remembered the pastor and his wife with a comfortable sum of money.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The financial condition of the church is better than it was a year ago, and the increased budget for 1937 is almost completely underwritten. It is expected that benevolence giving will be doubled. The church school is growing under the leadership of Dr. F. J. Ching, who is vice-principal of the Oakland High School. Church school equipment has been renovated. The High School group has been growing and now has nineteen regular members. Rev. P. Pierson Parker is the pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. Snow and rain has made roads impassable. The Weaverville church aided a number of families with Christmas baskets. Rev. J. D. Salmon, the pastor, desires to thank churches and individuals who have sent clothing and other articles, which have been very welcome. The church was filled to see the Christmas play which was put on by the young people's society. A new girls' club, with splendid leadership, has been formed.

SACRAMENTO. Thirteen new members were admitted into fellowship on the last Sunday of the old year. Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers of the Broadway Tabernacle was pulpit guest on January 10. The organ which was partly destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt and greatly improved. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, will attend the Mid-Winter Meetings at Evanston as member of the Council for Social Action.

FAIRFAX. The Sunday school has presented the church with a beautiful pulpit Bible. Rev. C. L. Mears, the pastor, preaches once a quarter at San Quentin Prison, and follows it up with a day of interview for men who desire to confer with him.

EUREKA. The goal suggested by the Conference office for benevolence giving has been accepted. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson, has been re-elected as pastor by unanimous vote.

KENWOOD. A new roof has been installed on the parsonage, and the proceeds from the annual bazaar, given by the ladies, cared for the cost. It was interesting to note that among those present at the bazaar were people born in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, India, and England; there were Roman Catholics, Christian Scientists, and several Protestant denominations represented; doctors, teachers, preachers, merchants, farmers, and mechanics were on hand. Rev. Frank E. Boren, pastor, reports that church attendance has been better than at any other time during the seven years of his leadership.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The newly-formed men's club sponsored the morning service on Sunday, December 27, and conducted the worship prior to the sermon, which was preached by Rev. M. J. Minkler in the absence of the pastor, Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick. The club also assisted the Sunday School in arrangements for the Christmas party and pageant. Mr. E. Harold Mason, colored student at the University of California, was the guest of the church one Sunday in December, speaking at the morning worship and leading a forum in the evening.

SAN RAFAEL. The Pacific profoundly apologizes for not including in the December issue an account of the very splendid improvements made on the property of the church. A new composition roof was installed, the auditorium was repapered, and the new lighting fixtures and wall paper add much to the attractiveness of the auditorium and Sunday School rooms. The kitchen was painted. The total cost was about $600, which has been paid in full. Seventeen new members were received during 1936. Mr. Howard G. Eddy is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. A white gift Christmas was observed, and the gifts were distributed with those of North Congregational Church. A lighted, out-door Christmas tree gave added cheer to the community. A Christmas musical program, with a chorus of twenty-three persons and an orchestra, was held on December 22. Rev. Carl Patton was the speaker of the evening. Mr. R. M. Fiske is the director.

CAMPBELL. Sixty - seven young people put on an operetta, entitled "Jan of Windmill Land," raising the money for the payment on the church building debt. More than 500 people paid for admission. Splendid progress is being made subscribing the budget for 1937. Congregations are increasing and the work in every department is strong. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

BIG VALLEY. Splendid Christmas services were held at Adin Church. A heavy snowstorm the day following Christmas confines the work of Rev. A. W. Monosmith, pastor, to those portions of the valley which are reached by main highways.

RIO VISTA. Rev. Victor H. Morgan is on the field and an encouraging beginning of his pastorate has been made. Attendance at the services of worship has increased, and plans are under way for reorganized work among the young people.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, reports that the average Sunday evening attendance since his return from his world tour has been 155. The church discontinued its Sunday evening broadcast after about one month. A new series of Sunday evening addresses has been planned on the four great dictators of Europe. A new plan has been launched for the morning service: a combined Sunday school and adult worship hour. The service opens at 10:30 with members of the church school and congregation meeting together for worship. At 11, the children go to their classes, while the preaching service for adults continues.

PETALUMA. The most successful Every Member Canvass that has been held in years resulted in a large number of new pledges and of a good many increases in former subscriptions. The secret of the success was a very large canvassing group, about 35 in number. A Christmas party followed a pageant given by the Sunday school. Dudley Buck's "The Coming of the King" was sung by the choir at a Christmas Eve candle-light service, and beautiful pictures of the Christmas story were shown. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Waddell recently held open house for all members and friends of the church.

ANTIOCH. Present indications are that the greatly increased budget of the church will be fully subscribed. A new automatic gas furnace has been installed in the church. New offering plates were presented to the church by the Junior Dramatic Club, and a hymn board was given by a class of girls. Church attendance continues to increase. Rev. W. R. Steininger, the pastor, has been named the chairman of the new Conference Committee on Religious Education.

BERKELEY, PARK. A Christmas dinner for Sunday school pupils and their parents was served, with 65 persons present. The dinner was provided by the parents and served by the mothers. One father confessed that it was the first time he had been in church for 25 years. The pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, prepared the twenty pounds of chicken which was consumed.

SAN MATEO. Seventeen new members, including Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Buckham, were received into the church the last Sunday of December. An annoying deficit of about a thousand dollars was cleaned up and a small amount left in the treasury at the close of the year. The San Mateo people are very happy under the leadership of the new pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale
There will be no meeting in December.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held beginning Wednesday afternoon, January 20, and continue all day Thursday, January 21, at the First Congregational Church of Alameda. There will be a dinner Wednesday evening at which Rev. Gail Cleland will be the speaker. Reservations for this dinner and for the luncheon on Thursday must be made, by name, with Mrs. T. E. Borden, 2061 Central Avenue, Alameda. On Thursday there will be reports, election of officers, and an address by Mrs. Robert L. Bowen, President of the Southern California Federation and Vice-President of the American Board. The program committee is planning a full and inspiring program, and is expecting every women's group to be well represented. The committee would appreciate it if requests for entertainment could be made early.

MAZATLAN MAKING SPLENDID PROGRESS

The Girls' School in Mazatlan was started some twelve years ago by the Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific. With some of its Jubilee funds a very beautiful site on a hill overlooking the harbor was purchased and a fine building erected. Under the principalship of Miss Aileen Parsons, the school, previously housed in rented quarters in the center of the city, moved into the new building and grew steadily in numbers and influence.

Government changes came about three years ago, and it looked as if all mission work in Mexico must cease. The Girls' Schools in Hermosillo and in Guadalajara were closed, the latter by the order of the government, and the Southern California Conference was expecting to close the one in Mazatlan in 1935. The local secretary of education, however, requested that it be kept open, assuring the Conference of his interest and cooperation, and a very capable principal was found in Mrs. Medora Williams, formerly of Hermosillo. The attendance increased and soon was twice as great as the year before. In addition to our own Normal Department many of the city teachers came evenings for extension Normal work, and about the middle of the year the State Normal School closed and its students transferred to our school.

The school opened last September with fine promise. Mrs. Williams was welcomed back by students, teachers, and townspeople with enthusiasm. The churches in Sinaloa and Sonora, which have been closed by order of these states, are agai open, with certain exceptions, and there is no restriction upon the holding of services.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Northern California will be represented at the Mid-Winter Meetings at Evanston by Mrs. A. V. Dunn, President of the Federation of Congregational Women and member of the Executive Committee of the State Presidents' organization, by Rev. Lawrence Wilson, member of the Council for Social Action, and by Field Secretary E. T. Sherman. Mr. Sherman will attend the meeting of the State Superintendents and a special conference of educational workers, in addition to the annual meetings of the Boards.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN

As a result of the appeal for gifts for the children in the migrant camps, Miss Helen Perkins and Mrs. Chester Marliave sent a large box of beautifully wrapped toys, dolls, books, balls, etc., to Miss Eulalia Earlewine who has charge of the migrant work in this part of the state. Included in the box was a gift of hand-made toys from the ocean View Church of San Francisco.

The migrant work throughout the country is carried on under the auspices of the Council of Women for Home Missions, an interdenominational organization. The country is divided into several areas over each of which is a director. The Pacific Area includes California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, with headquarters in San Francisco. Miss Adela J. Ballard is director of this area, and Miss Earlewine has taken the place formerly held by Miss Eva Barnes, overseeing the work in Northern California from Fresno to the Bay region. Miss Barnes is engaged in social work with the County Health Office of Madera.

WAI HOSPITALITY GROWING

Doctors Lester and Rose Beals report growth at Wai Hospital, in their latest letter to friends in America. Through the generosity of Dr. Willis F. Pierce of California, several much needed additions are being made to the hospital plant, which is now to be known as the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital. One of the additions is a new administration building, to provide office, waiting and examining rooms, laboratory, and library, thus freeing several rooms in the main hospital for more patients. The maternity building is to be enlarged by the addition of a ward and several private rooms.

Besides this material growth, much progress has been made in friendliness and confidence, as evidenced by the fact that the hospital is always full. The Baby Welfare Center is constantly attracting more mothers as they realize how much benefit the babies get from the daily bath, and from the milk, gruel, and codliver oil fed to them. Little by little they are learning not to give opium to the babies, and in many other ways to carry out the teachings of the Center.

MARY D. HENDERSON

Mrs. Mary D. Henderson, wife of Rev. Norman B. Henderson, pastor of our First Church at Fresno, passed away on December 12. Her death, which came as a great shock to a very wide circle of friends, followed an illness of about one week.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Henderson had worked with Jane Addams at Hull House in Chicago. During all of the years of her married life, she was deeply interested in the work of the church, and soon after coming to Fresno was made district president for the Federation of Congregational Women. She was the mother of three splendid young people, Mrs. Robert Barnard, and Wallace and Norman Henderson.

Memorial services were held in the Fresno Church on Monday, December 14, with Rev. T. T. Giffen and Superintendent Harley H. Gill officiating. The church was crowded with friends and members to whom Mrs. Henderson had so greatly endeared herself.

AFTER 50 YEARS

In a rented house a young Japanese pastor gathered a group of girls. That was in 1886. It marked the beginning of education for women in the Matsuyama, Japan, area. This fall, 50 years later, the Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial School (Matsuyama Girls' School), celebrated half a hundred years of work. Two days of festivities, speeches, "old girl" gatherings, with the Governor, the Education Department head and a galaxy of other notables present, gave proper recognition to this birthday party. A significant statement, mentioned by many but specifically expressed by a Japanese teacher, herself a graduate of the school, reminded all that the school must never lose sight of what has made it unique—namely, the Christian spirit of service on which it was founded. Said she: "What shall it profit a school if it gain a whole world of educational honors, if it have more students that it can well accommodate, and lose its soul, that spirit which has sustained it and carried it on through difficult days to the successful present."

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LOOKING TOWARD 1939

A preliminary meeting of thirty or more people, to launch a movement for religious exhibits at the Golden Gate International Exposition, has been held. A committee of twelve was appointed, which, in turn, will name a larger committee of possibly 100, representing various religious communions. Major Protestant denominations and Jewish leaders are thus far interested and it is hoped that cooperation may be secured from the Catholic Church. It is believed that religion furnishes dramatic and pictorial material which could make a display that would rival historical pageants of a secular nature.

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